

**BACKDOOR SPENDING ACTS**

PUBLIC LAW 105–194—JULY 14, 1998

**Public Law 105–194  
105th Congress****An Act**

July 14, 1998  
[S. 2282]

To amend the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

Agriculture  
Export Relief Act  
of 1998.  
22 USC 2751  
note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture Export Relief Act  
of 1998”.

**SEC. 2. SANCTIONS EXEMPTIONS.**

(a) EXEMPTION REGARDING FOOD AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL  
COMMODITY PURCHASES.—Section 102(b)(2)(D) of the Arms Export  
Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1(b)(2)(D)) is amended as follows:

(1) In clause (i) by striking “or” at the end.

(2) In clause (ii) by striking the period and inserting “,  
or”.

(3) By inserting after clause (ii) the following new clause:  
“(iii) to any credit, credit guarantee, or financial assist-  
ance provided by the Department of Agriculture to support  
the purchase of food or other agricultural commodity.”.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—Section  
102(b)(2)(F) of such Act is amended by striking the period at the  
end and inserting “, which includes fertilizer.”.

(c) OTHER EXEMPTIONS.—Section 102(b)(2)(D)(ii) of such Act  
is further amended by inserting after “to” the following: “medicines,  
medical equipment, and”.

22 USC 2799aa–1  
note.

(d) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amendment made by  
subsection (a)(3) shall apply to any credit, credit guarantee, or  
other financial assistance provided by the Department of Agri-  
culture before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act through  
September 30, 1999.

22 USC 2799aa–1  
note.

(e) EFFECT ON EXISTING SANCTIONS.—Any sanction imposed  
under section 102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act before  
the date of the enactment of this Act shall cease to apply upon  
that date with respect to the items described in the amendments  
made by subsections (b) and (c). In the case of the amendment  
made by subsection (a)(3), any sanction imposed under section  
102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act before the date of the  
enactment of this Act shall not be in effect during the period  
beginning on that date and ending on September 30, 1999, with  
respect to the activities and items described in the amendment.

Approved July 14, 1998.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2282:**

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amendment.

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